

HOUSE No. 3499

By Ms. Grant of Beverly, petition of Mary E. Grant and others relative to handicapped parking restriction. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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| Mary E. Grant | Thomas P. Kennedy |
| William C. Galvin | Matthew C. Patrick |
| Bruce E. Tarr | James T. Welch |
| Christine E. Canavan | Frank I. Smizik |
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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING PARKING FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Clause (23) of Section 21 of Chapter 40 of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby
3 amended by striking out paragraph (b) and inserting in place thereof
4 the following paragraph:—
5 (b) Parking spaces designated as reserved under paragraph (a)
6 shall be identified by the use of above-grade signs with white let-
7 tering against a blue background and shall bear the words “Handi-
8 capped Parking: Special Plate Required. Unauthorized Vehicles May
9 be Removed at Owner’s Expense”. The spaces shall be as near as
10 possible to a building entrance or walkway, shall be adjacent to curb
11 ramps or other unobstructed methods permitting sidewalk access to a
12 handicapped person and shall be at least 8 feet wide, not including

13 the cross hatch access aisle as defined by the architectural access
14 board established in Section 13A of Chapter 22. The cross hatch
15 access aisle abutting a handicapped parking space shall be consid-
16 ered part of the handicapped parking space to which it abuts to pro-
17 vide individuals who use wheelchairs and other mobility aids with
18 sufficient space to enter and exit their vehicles. No person shall park
19 in the cross hatched access aisle.

1 SECTION 2. Said Section 21 of said Chapter 40, as so appearing,
2 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “the”, in line
3 177, the following words:— standing or.

1 SECTION 3. The second paragraph of Section 22A of said
2 Chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the
3 second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 3 sen-
4 tences:—

5 Parking spaces designated as reserved under this paragraph shall
6 be identified by the use of above-grade signs with white lettering
7 against a blue background and shall bear the words “Handicapped
8 Parking: Special Plate Required. Unauthorized Vehicles May be
9 Removed at Owner’s Expense”. The spaces shall be as near as poss-
10 sible to a building entrance or walkway, shall be adjacent to curb
11 ramps or other unobstructed methods permitting sidewalk access to a
12 handicapped person and shall be at least 8 feet wide, not including
13 the cross hatch access aisle as defined by the architectural access
14 board established in Section 13A of Chapter 22. If parking spaces
15 designated as reserved under this paragraph are made temporarily
16 unavailable due to a construction project or other planned event, the
17 city or town shall ensure that the nearest available nonreserved
18 parking space, if any, shall be temporarily designated as reserved
19 under this paragraph.